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January 29, 2015

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Karen Murphy, Public Services Director

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of February 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the Midland Parks and Recreation Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2015. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers of Midland City Hall at 333 W. Ellsworth and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Minutes of meeting of December 2, 2014
- 4) Call to Audience
- 5) Parks and Recreation Master Plan update
- 6) Pavilion reservations – year round reservation proposal
- 7) Parks and Recreation Order for Fun Zone
- 8) Division Report – Forestry update
- 9) Project Report
  - a. City Forest bridge update
  - b. MNRTF grant application for Emerson Park
- 10) City Forest update
- 11) Old Business
  - a. Recreation fees approved for 2015/16
- 12) New Business
  - a. Midland Blooms
- 13) Adjourn



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SUBJECT: Notes for Meeting of February 3, 2015

Parks and Recreation Master Plan update: A final draft of the Master Plan is attached for you to review prior to the meeting. This draft is currently available to the public for the 30-day DNR-required public review period. Upon the close of the review period, I will present the plan to City Council for a public hearing and consideration of adoption at their February 16 meeting. The Parks Commission needs to make a formal motion to recommend adoption of the plan to the Council. This is also a requirement of the DNR's recreation plan process.

Pavilion reservations – year round reservation proposal: Marcie Post will make a presentation to the Commission on allowing pavilion reservations to be made a year in advance. This would eliminate the current practice where pavilion rental starts the second Monday in January for the season.

Parks and Recreation Order for Fun Zone: Attached is a formal Parks and Recreation order that would prohibit dogs and other animals (except for service animals) from being allowed within the fences area that delineates the Fun Zone. I am presenting this as informational to the Commission, and plan to enact this order effective immediately. This action is a result of a handful of complaints received last season with regard to dogs inside the Fun Zone.

Division Report: Park supervisor Bart Heil will give a review of the forestry division's work over the past year as well as some upcoming areas of concentration.

Project Reports: I will provide an update on the nearly completed City Forest bridge project. I will also discuss staff's desire to reapply in 2015 for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant program for the upper Emerson Park riverfront renovation project.

City Forest update: Recreation manager Marcie Post will provide an update on City Forest activities.

Old Business: The recreation fees have been approved and adopted by the City Council. All fees will go into effect immediately with the exception of the changes to toboggan, skate, and sled rental fees. We will hold off until next season to make these increases since we are mid-season and customers are used to paying the current fees for this year.

New Business: I will share an update on the Midland Blooms program. Due to the reconstruction of much of Eastman Avenue this spring/summer by the Michigan Department of Transportation, a decision has been made to not do Midland Blooms this year.

CITY OF MIDLAND, MICHIGAN  
PARKS AND RECREATION ORDER

( ) TEMPORARY

(X) PERMANENT

ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Section 17 of the City of Midland Park Rules and Regulations, which is enforced under Section 17-9 of the City of Midland Code of Ordinances, I have caused to be investigated a ban on dogs or other animals being allowed within the fence line of the Fun Zone located in Plymouth Park in the City of Midland, Midland County. In the interest of Public Safety and cleanliness of the Fun Zone area, I find it appropriate to ban dogs and other animals (except service animals) from being allowed within the fenced area that delineates the Fun Zone.

It is directed this order be filed in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Midland and hereby order proper signage to be placed at the Fun Zone in accordance with the above finding.

Date of Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Karen Murphy  
Director of Parks and Recreation

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Selina Tisdale, City Clerk